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Applicant : Sususmu SEINO et al.

Serial No. : 09/617,099

Group Art Unit : 1653

Filed : July 14, 2000

Examiner : Rita Mitra

For : PROTEIN RIM2

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action of May 6, 2003, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period was set in the Office Action to expire on August 6, 2003, this amendment is being filed in a timely manner and no Extension of Time is deemed necessary. However, if the Patent and Trademark Office deems an Extension necessary, the same is hereby requested and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees to maintain the pendency of this application, such as any necessary extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in the above-captioned application.

- Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 A Request for Extension of Time.
 No Additional Fee.
 Pages 172-174 of Genes V., (1994).

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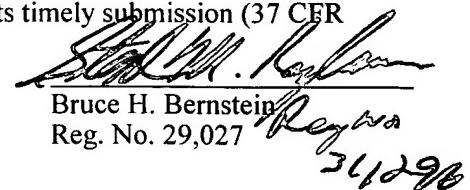
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